



Our Ref: KWA/MBE

17th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your support during the first term of this academic year so far. It has been a very purposeful start to the year, and we have loved seeing all our students working hard and thinking hard in every lesson.

As always, this half term is very busy, so I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the upcoming dates and share our end of term arrangements.

Upcoming INSET Days

We have 2 INSET days coming up, Friday 21st November and Monday 24th November 2025. As you know, we have changed our INSET days this year, and we will be inviting some Year 10 and Year 11 students into school to complete work for their GCSEs. All students who we would like to see on those days have received letters, and no other students should attend school on these days.

Progress Evenings:

Year 11 on Thursday 20th November 2025

Year 8 on Thursday 4th December 2025

To book, you must do this on the My Child At School (MCAS) app. If you don't have this, please follow the steps below to download it and then you can book your appointments:

- Download the MCAS app
- Click on the sign up link on the parent login screen
- Enter the school postcode or School ID
 - Postcode : S25 2NZ
 - School ID: 15940
- Select Dinnington High School from the dropdown
- Enter your email address (this will automatically assign you to your child/children).
- Click sign up
- Then complete the verification process.
- More information can be found on: [MCAS Parent Guide](#)



End of Term Arrangements

On Friday 19th December 2025, students are all invited to wear their Christmas jumpers over their school uniforms, wear festive headgear and jewellery. We will also have tinsel available in school for any students who would like to take part and don't have a jumper!

We will be buying lunch for all students on this day. In the next couple of weeks, they will order their Christmas Dinner. All students who haven't ordered will need to bring a packed lunch as no other meal choices will be served on this day.

Students will be dismissed from school at 12.45pm. All buses will be available for students apart from the 620. We will contact all parents about this to help plan for students getting home on this day.

The first day back at school is Monday 5th January 2026 and gates will open at 8.05am as usual.

Uniform and Winter Weather

Thank you so much for all your support with uniform this term so far. I just want to take this opportunity to remind you that all trousers should be **tailored trousers**, not tight-fitting. We will contact all parents whose children may need support in meeting this part of the uniform policy to work together for a solution ready for the start of the new term.

As the winter sets in, we know that our site at Dinnington is really exposed, and students must move outside to get to lessons. We experienced the first wet weather last week and we wanted to share some tips about **improving student resilience**. We found our younger year groups really struggled and wanted to go home because they were wet!

- We encourage students to walk to school in wellies or trainers and change into their school shoes when they arrive. Consider the shoes worn by your child throughout the day, pump style shoes can get very wet!
- Bring a spare pair of socks.
- Wear a coat; we had lots of students just come to school with only an umbrella. We have some spare coats and waterproof coats in school that students can borrow too, so please encourage your child to do this if they don't bring a coat to school.
- Access in school to radiators is limited, but we will always try to help students use these to dry their wet items!

Again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Wade
Headteacher